



THE NAVAJO NATION

Proclamation

2017 "Collar, License, Vaccinate & Confine" Campaign for Responsible Pet Ownership

WHEREAS, our Navajo People suffer from animal bites that can become deadly; and

WHEREAS, community members are afraid to exercise, enjoy activities or allow children to play outdoors, because of the many free-roaming dogs on the Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation experiences frequent livestock loss and damage by dogs running at large; and

WHEREAS, thousands of diseased dogs and cats roam the Nation in search of food, water and shelter, showing signs of neglect, abuse and cruelty; and

WHEREAS, dog and puppy dumping is a common practice; and

WHEREAS, this situation is a threat to the public health, safety and welfare of Navajo communities; and

WHEREAS, under Navajo law, this following it to be followed:

1. COLLAR – Place a collar on your pet;
2. LICENSE – License your pet with a Navajo Nation Animal License;
3. VACCINATE – Vaccinate your pets to prevent diseases, such as rabies and distemper; and
4. CONFINE – Confine your animals; do not allow them to roam.

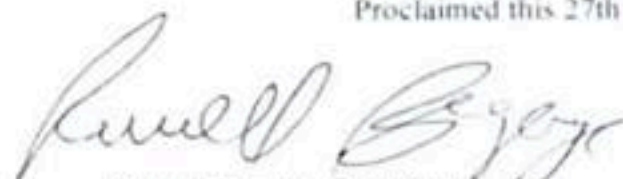
WHEREAS, all animal owners are urged to actively participate in decreasing the unwanted dog and cat population within the Navajo Nation by spaying and neutering their animals; and

WHEREAS, community members are encouraged to report all dog bite incidents to the Navajo Nation Fish & Wildlife, Animal Control Program at (928) 871-6451; and

WHEREAS, community members are asked to report all livestock damage incidents to the Navajo Nation Fish & Wildlife, Animal Control Program at (928) 871-6451 or to the Department of Resource Enforcement a (505) 371-5200;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Navajo Nation, hereby declares 2017 as "Collar, License, Vaccinate & Confine" Campaign for Responsible Pet Ownership; and urges the citizens of the Navajo Nation to visit the Animal Shelters of the Navajo Nation each 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month to license and vaccinate their pets for the health, safety and welfare of the Navajo Nation.

Proclaimed this 27th day of February 2017.


Russell Begaye, President


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